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April 1st.

Mr. ORD, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read

From the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, dated Feb. 17, 1856, announcing the celebration of its semi-centennial anniversary.

From Mr. J. H. Rauch, dated Burlington, Iowa, March 11, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

From the Lyceum of Natural History, of New York, dated March 20, 1856, acknowledging receipt of part 2, vol. 3, new series, of the Journal.

From the Trustees of the New York State Library, dated Albany, March 26, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Academy.

From the University of Wurtzburg, dated December 21, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of the Journal, vol. 3, part 1, and Proceedings, vol. 7, Nos. 2—7.

From Mr. T. M. Peters, dated Moulton, Alabama, March 18, 1856, transmitting the donation to Museum, acknowledged this evening.

From the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, dated March 31, 1856, returning acknowledgments for the invitation from the Academy to visit the Museum.

Dr. Leidy read a paper, for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Notices of three extinct Fishes." Referred to Mr. I. Lea, Dr. Wilson and Dr. Bridges.

Mr. Lea presented a paper, intended for publication in the Journal, entitled "On the Sandstone Fossils of the Connecticut river, by James Deane, M. D.;" which was referred to Mr. Lea, Dr. Leidy and Mr. Messchert.

Mr. Lea also presented the following papers for publication in the Proceedings, viz: "Descriptions of new Fresh-water shells of California," "Description of a new species of *Triquetra* Klein," and "Description of a new genus of *Naiades*," all of which were referred to Dr. Bridges, Dr. Wilson and Mr. Hanson.

April 8th.

Mr. LEA, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Leidy presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Notices of remains of extinct Mammalia discovered by Dr. F. V. Hayden in Nebraska Territory;" which was referred to Dr. Wilson, Prof. Haldeman and Mr. Lesley.

Mr. Cassin presented the following, which were unanimously adopted, *Resolved*, That the 7th vol., and so much as is published of the 8th vol. of the Proceedings of this Academy, and the last two Nos. of the Journal of the Academy, be presented to Sandwith Drinker, Esq., of Canton, China.

Resolved, That so much as is published of the 8th vol. of the Proceedings of this Academy and the last two Nos. of the Journal, be presented to W. W. Wood, Esq., of Manilla.

April 15th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From the Smithsonian Institution, dated Washington, March 1, 1856, acknowledging receipt of last No. of the Journal.

From the American Antiquarian Society, dated Worcester, Mass., April 1st and 8th, 1856, acknowledging receipt of Proceedings, vol. 7, and No. 1, vol. 8, and transmitting in exchange their publications announced this evening.

From the Royal Library of the University of Gottingen, dated 17th Dec., 1855;

From the University Library of Heidelberg, dated 8th Jan., 1856;

From the University of Jena, dated 5th Jan., 1856;

From the Natural History Society of Dantzic, dated 20th Dec., 1855; and

From the Wurtemberg Natural History Society, dated 20th Dec., 1855; severally acknowledging receipt of the Proceedings of the Academy.

A paper was presented from Robert Kennicott, Esq., intended for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Description of a new Snake from Illinois;" which was referred to Dr. Hallowell, Dr. Leidy, and Dr. Corse.

Dr. Leidy presented for publication in the Proceedings a paper entitled, "Descriptions of thirty new species of Acephala and Gastropoda from the Cretaceous formations of Nebraska Territory, by F. B. Meek, and F. V. Hayden, M. D." Referred to Mr. Lea, Dr. Leidy, and Dr. Hallowell.

Dr. Leidy also presented for publication in the Proceedings the following:

"Notice of the Remains of a species of Seal from the Post-Pliocene Deposit of the Ottawa River, U. C." and

"Notices of several genera of extinct Mammalia previously less perfectly characterized;" both of which were referred to Dr. Le Conte, Mr. Lesley, and Mr. Vaux.

Mr. Lea presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Descriptions of twenty-five new species of Exotic Uniones." Referred to Dr. Wilson, Mr. Hanson, and Dr. Bridges.

Mr. Lea read some notes from a paper he is preparing for the Journal of the Academy on the New Red Sandstone Formation of Pennsylvania, and stated that he had, during an excursion last summer, found in the dark shales of that Formation, near Phoenixville, on the Schuylkill, the tooth of a Sauroid Reptile, which he thus characterised.